

## G. A. R. STAMP ON AUGUST 29

### Jap Stamps For Parks And Atom Bomb Cities

Japan publicised another one of its national parks when on July 15, a set of four stamps was issued which carried views of famed Mt. Fuji as viewed from various vantage points in Fuji-Hakone National Park.



A souvenir sheet containing the four stamps will follow in September instead of immediately as has been the policy and practice of past "Park" issues.

Each of the designs depict Mt. Fuji during a different season of the year. The 2 yen brown is an Autumn view, the 8y yellow green, in the Summer season, the 14y red, during Spring and the 24y blue in Winter.

Printing was by the photo-gravure process, and the size of the stamps is the same as previous Park sets.

The various views of Mt. Fuji used for the designs were adapted from pictures taken by the noted Japanese photographer, Koyo Okada. The scenes are very similar to the ones used for the Fuji-Hakone Park set of 1936 for which the same photographs were used.

The present views are adaptations made from a different angle of the original pictures.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the two towns of Japan which will be long remembered as the ones chosen for the first and second atom bombs, are going to have commemorative stamps which will bring attention to their place in history because of this dubious distinction.

On August 6, Hiroshima is to be dedicated as a Peace Town. To mark the occasion, an 8 yen red stamp will be issued.

On August 9, Nagasaki will be dedicated as the town to Promote International Civilization. It too will have an 8 yen stamp, but in green.

Details of the designs were not released.

Covers and stamps were received through the courtesy of Riichi, Yoshida, 1080 Oiso, Kanagawa-ken and T. Mizutani, 1927 Asahi-cho, Yokkaichi City both of Japan.

### News Of New HPO Route In Pennsylvania Is Late

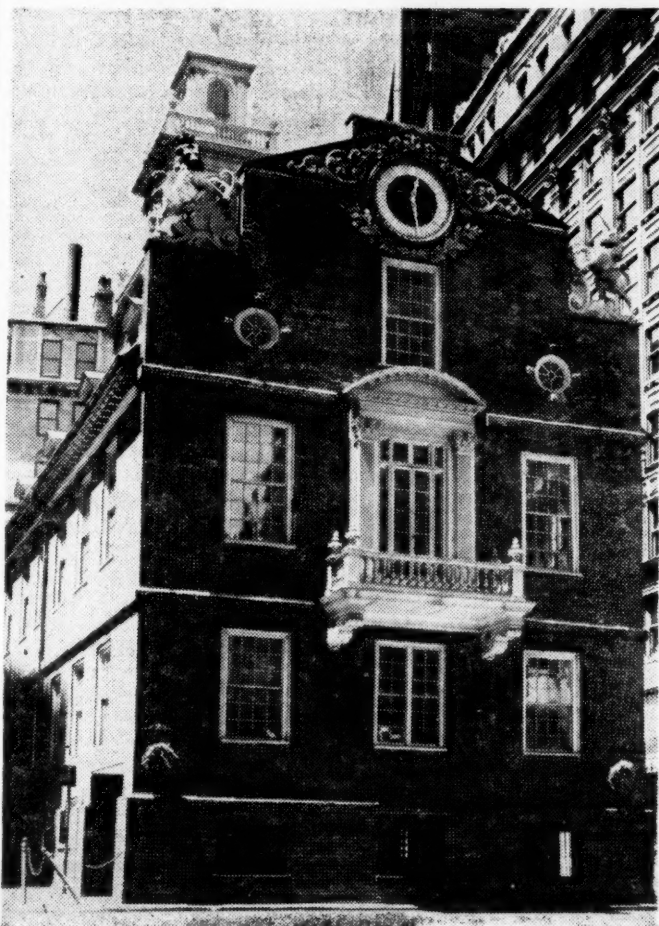
On July 25, the Post Office Department inaugurated Highway Post Office Service between Williamsport and Altoona, Pa.

It is regretted that the news was not released soon enough by the Department so that it could be sent to our readers.

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### Number Of Interesting Events Await Visitors To Mid-August Convention Of A.P.S. In Boston

This year philatelists from all parts of the country can plan an unusually enjoyable vacation. For this year they can combine the enjoyment of their favorite hobby with the delights of vacationing in lovely New England. As most philatelists already know, the Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held in Boston from August 16 to 20. All stamp-lovers, whether members of the society or not are welcome.

Under the able leadership of Dr. Howard K. Thompson, President of the A.P.S. 1949 Convention Committee, a splendid program of both official events and entertainment has been arranged. The convention will be officially opened at 11 A. M. on Tuesday August 16 by His Excellency Paul A. Dever, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Exhibition Committee promises visitors to the convention some rare treats. Theodore Steinway will show his famous collection of Great Britain Penny Blacks, while Morton D. Joyce will exhibit imperforate pairs of the first U. S. Revenue Issues, including the only known example of the \$2.50 Inland Exchange. Julian Gros' display of Essays and Proofs of U. S. Revenues will include the astonishing \$5,000 denomination.

The Philatelic Foundation will be represented by the Peplon Collection of Japan, pages from the Luff Reference Collection, and the Israel Collection of Cuba.

To commemorate this sixty-third annual meeting, The American Philatelic Society has issued an attractive engraved poster stamp. The design, adapted from the official seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pictures Massasoit.

Poster stamps may be obtained

by writing to Henry Schuhmacher, 11 South Fairview Street, Roslindale, Mass. The price is 10c each, or three for 25c, plus a stamped addressed return envelope.

Cachet envelopes will be printed with a reproduction of the poster surrounded by appropriate inscriptions. For collectors who service their own, the price is 5 for 25c. First day cacheted covers, on orders received before August 16th, 15c each; on orders received later, 20c each.

Unaddressed cancelled cachet envelopes mailed in large envelopes to avoid damage 5c extra each. Pairs and blocks affixed at extra cost of additional stamps. Latest commemoratives will be used unless otherwise requested. Cacheted envelopes should be ordered from Mr. Schuhmacher also.

In addition to the sessions of the Convention itself, there is much else to recommend a trip (Continued on page 11)

### Date Is Second Day Of Final Encampment Of The Organization; Value To Be 3c, Color Is Red

The artists of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have captured the spirit of the Final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which is to take place at Indianapolis, Indiana from August 28 to September 1. The stamp which the Post Office Department has announced in commemoration of the event symbolizes the inexorable passage of time. To be seen are a youthful soldier of the Civil War, from which veterans the organization was founded, and a 1949 survivor of the group. An hour glass from which the



sands have nearly emptied indicate the near demise of this honored society, the several members of which are all more than 100 years old.

First day of issue of the stamp will occur on August 29 at Indianapolis, Ind. on the second day, Monday, of the get-together.

The official bulletin released by the Department describes the stamp as follows.

"The central design depicts a G. A. R. veteran of today and behind him he is shown as he appeared in his youth as a Union Soldier. Across the top of the stamp is the wording 'Final Encampment Of The' in white face Gothic.

"In the upper left corner of the design is shown an hour glass with most of the sand in the bottom portion. The letters 'G A R' in dark Gothic appear across the face of the hour glass. Centered below the glass is the denomination '3c' in dark modified Roman with the word 'Cents' in dark Gothic underneath. In a panel at the bottom appears the wording 'United States Postage' in white face Gothic on a dark background.

"The stamp, which is printed in red ink, is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally with a single outline frame."

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this new stamp may send as many as 10 self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Indianapolis, Indiana, together with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

### Hoosier Hospitality On G. A. R. First Day

An all day open house is planned by the Indiana Stamp Club on the occasion of the first day of issue of the new GAR stamp at Indianapolis.

Refreshments which will be "on the club" are available to all who might visit with the club members at the auditorium of the YMCA, Illinois and New York Sts. The club has these facilities for the entire day, and should be quite popular due to the fact that they are but a block from the post office.

A rubber stamp cachet will be available to all visitors at the open house without cost. The club will not service first day covers with this or any other cachet. It must be applied to covers personally.

Regular meeting of the club will occur on September 2 at the Antlers Hotel at which time the members and visitors will be shown the film, "Method of Stamp Printing by the Swiss Government."

### Philippines, Panama Australia UPU Sets

Another three nations have announced their intentions of issuing stamps or sets of stamps for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union.

The three are Australia, Philippines and Panama.

Australia will have a 3½d value which is the rate for foreign surface mail, if the present intentions of the Postmaster General of Australia are followed. There has been agitation for a set of two or three stamps, a possibility which can not be ruled out until later in the year.

First day of issue will be the same as that of the other members of the British Commonwealth, October 10.

Panama will take the easy and cheaper way out in the preparation of its UPU set. How cheap this short cut will be for collectors is yet to be seen since that nation plans an eight value set.

It will be made by overprinting current stamps with the legend, "1874—U. P. U.—1949."

The Philippines will produce and issue on October 9 three stamps and a souvenir sheet, the first country to include a souvenir sheet in a series.

Design for the stamps will be common to all three. It will be very similar to the design used on the 10c value of the Swiss UPU issue of May 16. The Philippine design is to show more of the statue used for the Swiss stamp, including the reclining figure of the woman at the base.

The statue is located near the building of the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland.

Values and the colors of the stamps, each of which will have a printing of five million is 4c green, 6c violet and 18c blue. They will appear in a horizontal format.

The same three stamps will appear in the souvenir sheet of which there will be a printing of one million.

It will be possible for collectors to obtain the Philippines set and sheet from the Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines at face value plus return postage and registration. Payment for the stamps ordered and the postal fees are to be forwarded by International Money Order made payable to the Director of Posts, Manila.

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BADEN. The commem to mark the  
Engineering Congress held at  
Constance and reported here last  
week is shown. It is a 30 pf. in  
dark blue depicting the hotel in  
which the meeting was held.

BELGIUM. This country has over-  
printed nine previously issued  
stamps with a post horn and new  
values. In spite of the low face  
value, the stamps have proven  
very speculative and are selling  
for a substantial premium over  
their face value.

Scott's type A-82 in the follow-  
ing values have all been over-  
printed with the value of 5c; the  
values are the 15c purple, 40c  
red violet and the 50c yellow  
brown. The four values of the  
Ansele set are also overprinted  
with new denominations. Their  
values now are: the 65c plus  
35c is now 10c; the 90c plus 60c  
is now 40c; the Fr.1.35 plus Fr.  
1.15 is now 80c and the Fr.3.15  
plus 85c is now Fr.1.20.

Type A-82 is responsible for  
two more stamps, these are the  
70c green which is now 20c, and  
the 75c red violet surcharged to  
the value of 20c.

ECUADOR. There are ten stamps  
in the imperforate airmail series  
which this country released re-  
cently with the picture of Frank-  
lin D. Roosevelt. These are al-  
legedly official stamps for the  
use of various departments of the  
government.

There are but four basic  
stamps in this series. Three are  
green, three are brown, three are  
orange and one is blue. Many  
collectors are very shy when it  
comes to the purchase of this  
series since it seems to have but  
one purpose in its issuance, that  
of getting dollars in an easy  
manner.

FINLAND. The two stamps which  
were issued for the International  
Forestry Congress held at Hel-  
sinki from July 10 to 20 are two  
of the best designed of the recent  
issues from that country.

The 9 mk. brown depicts a  
wood processing plant on the  
shores of a large lake, while the  
15 mk. green depicts a giant fir  
tree superimposed upon a globe  
of the world.

HUNGARY. A set of four stamps  
was produced for the Second  
Soviet labor Congress held in  
Milan.

The flag on each of the stamps  
is in red while the denomina-  
tions and the second colors are:  
30f. yellow brown, 40f. sepia,  
60f. carmine rose, and a 1 Ft.  
dark blue.

PARAGUAY. A mourning stamp  
was produced by surcharging  
Scott #C171, the 70c orange red  
of the 1948 airmail set. It con-  
sisted of the legend (in black),  
"Duelo Nacional," a wreath and  
the new value of 5c.

From the appearance of the  
stamps it is suspected that the  
overprinting was done in a local  
print shop. For that reason,  
several types of the overprint are  
bound to appear.

SAN MARINO. Italy's great patri-  
ot, Garibaldi, was the subject of  
a five value commemorative set  
from this country. The design  
is common to each, it depicting  
Garibaldi leading troops through  
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blue and green.

The two high values come  
about 1 1/2 times larger than the  
three low ones and are a 25L,  
green and purple and a 65L,  
dark green and black.

SAN MARINO. Stamp collectors  
and their hobby are again hon-  
ored by this country. This time it  
consists of an overprint in black  
on two previously issued stamps.

On Scott #s 260 and 261, the  
legend reads, "Giornata Filateli-  
ca San Marino—Riccione 28-6-  
49."

SEYCHELLES. A much brighter  
violet color has been given to  
the 50c value which has just  
been released in that British  
Colony. It is in the same type as  
the stamp it replaces, Scott's  
A-9, #141, and which was in a  
dull violet shade.

## Rush Covers For This Inaugural Flight

Not all collectors will be able  
to get their prepared covers on  
the inaugural flight listed below,  
but it is possible that some will be  
able to do so.

This news arrived too late from  
the Post Office Department to be  
of benefit to most cover fans, but  
it is printed nevertheless as a  
matter of record and with the in-  
tention of making the news avail-  
able to those who might be able  
to make use of it.

The official bulletin stated that  
on or about July 31, air mail  
service is to be inaugurated on  
AM-98, between Columbus, Macon  
and Augusta, Ga.; and Orange-  
burg and Charleston, S. C.

Service at Orangeburg will be  
inaugurated at this time, and col-  
lectors are advised that philatelic  
covers should not be sent to the  
postmaster at Orangeburg until an  
announcement of the inaugura-  
tion of service at that office has  
been made.

Special cachets will be pro-  
vided for Columbus, Macon, Au-  
gusta and Charleston, and the us-  
ual treatment of philatelic mail will  
be authorized.

First flight air mail covers sent  
to the Postmasters at these of-  
fices should be accompanied by a  
letter authorizing the holding of  
the covers for the first flight and  
requesting the application of the  
cachet. A space approximately  
2 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches to the  
left on the address side of all cov-  
ers is required for the cachet.

There will be no provision made  
for point to point covers, but at  
the request of collectors, covers  
receiving cachets will be given  
directional service only to a ter-  
minal or junction point designated  
by the Regional Superintendent,  
Air Postal Transport, and served  
by the first flight in each direc-  
tion where they will be back-  
stamped.

## NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

August 29—G. A. R. 3c Commem.  
Indianapolis, Ind (50 per pane).

First day covers bearing the  
above stamps can be gotten by  
sending envelopes on which the  
name of the receiver has been  
written, and in which a stuffer  
has been inserted, to the post-  
master of the first day city. A  
sum sufficient to cover the cost  
of the face value of the stamps  
must accompany. Limit of cov-  
ers from any one person is ten.

## ALREADY ISSUED

C39 - 6c airmail, Jan. 18.  
981 - Minnesota, March 3.  
982 - Washington & Lee, April  
12.  
983 - Puerto Rico, April 27.  
C40 - Alexandria, May 11.  
984 - Annapolis, May 23.

## France Helps Create New Asiatic Nation

What will undoubtedly be the  
newest of the stamp issuing coun-  
tries is Laos, an Indo-Chinese  
kingdom with a population of one  
million, to which France granted  
independence on July 19.

Laos nevertheless intends to co-  
operate and retain a membership  
in the French sphere of influence.  
It is expecting France to sponsor  
its membership in the United Na-  
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## Romania Issues Two Stamps For UPU

The first day of issue for the  
UPU anniversary set of Syria  
which no one has published up  
to the time of going to press is  
June 20, 1949.

Four stamps comprise the issue,  
two for regular postage of 12.50  
and 25 pi and two for airmail  
valued at 12.50 and 50 pi.

On June 30, Roumania released  
a two value set for the UPU com-  
memorative.

The 20 lei denomination pictured  
a globe and post horn, in a brown  
color, while a 30 lei blue depicts  
a chariot pulled by a winged  
horse and a stylized steam loco-  
motive.

## UPU COMMEMORATIVES

Country Stamps in set 1st Day

Germany	12, 16, 24, 50, 60 Pfg.	April 11
Italy	1 and 2 Marks	May 2
Trieste (AMG opt.)	50 Lire	May 2
Switzerland	10c, 25c, 40c	May 16
Czechoslovakia	3, 5, 13 Kcs.	May 20
Liechtenstein	40c	May 23
Sria	12.50, 25 pi & 12.50, 50 pi	June 20

Romania	20L, 25Fr.	June 30
Cameroon	25Fr.	July 4
Fr. Eq. Africa	25Fr.	July 4
French India	6Fr.	July 4
French Oceania	10Fr.	July 4
Fr. W. Africa	25Fr.	July 4
Madagascar	25Fr.	July 4
Ando-China	3 Fr.	July 4
New Caledonia	10Fr.	July 4
St. Pierre and Mg.	25Fr.	July 4
Somali Coast	30Fr.	July 4
Togo	25Fr.	July 4
Wallis and Futuna	10Fr.	July 4

## TO BE ISSUED

Great Britain	2 1/2, 3, 6d and 1/-	Oct. 10
Philippines	4, 6, 15c; souv. sht. 25c	Oct. 9
Spain	4 Pesetas	Oct. 9
Venezuela	5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 60, 90, 1B Oct.	10

## ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DATES

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Iraq	20, 40 and 50 flis.	
Japan	2, 4, 14, 25, 62 yen	
New Hebrides (French)	10, 15, 30, 50c	
Poland	4, 18, 30 zl.	
Salvador	5, 10c and 1 Col.	
Spanish Guinea	4Pbs.	
Spanish W. Africa	4Pbs.	
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Ethiopia	Jugoslavia	Netherlands
Sweden	Panama	

## CROWN COLONIES

FIRST DAY FOR ALL, OCTOBER 10

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Kathiri	20c, 30c, 50c, 1/-
Qatari	20c, 30c, 50c, 1/-
Antigua	2 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 1/-
Ascension	3d, 6d, 6d and 1/-
Bahamas	2 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 1/-
Barbados	1 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 1/-
Basutoland	1 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 1/-
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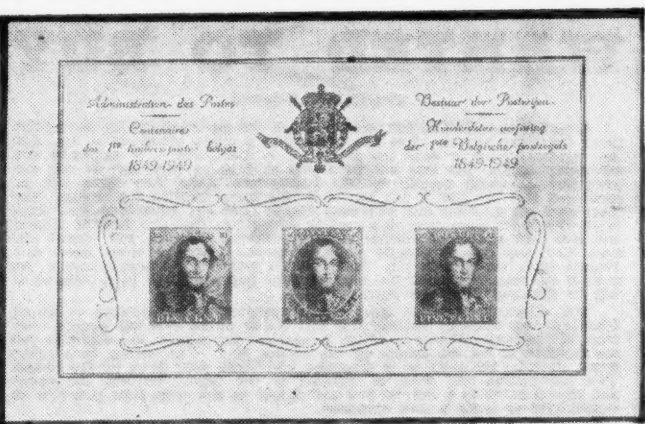
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By Carl P. Rueth

Frequently, the question arises where a collector can get the essential information about United States stamps without the purchase of a catalog. Seems as if there aren't too many folks who feel that they can afford the \$3.50 which it takes to get a copy of that excellent reference book, the Scott United States Specialized Catalog.

I believe that Mr. Harmer, the editor of that book, realizes the handicap which the cost of the book imposes on the persons who just haven't got that much to put in one, and is planning a catalog which will sell at a cheaper price and still carry the basic information in which the average collector is interested.

Until that day comes though, there is a place where such information is obtainable. It is in the several well known price lists, some of which are nicely illustrated, and which contain listings of stamps from #1 right on through to Revenues and Possessions, and which are available from the trade.

Usually, the dealers having these charge but a few cents for a copy. They expect the list to pay for itself with orders for the stamps contained therein, and it is no more than fair that collectors should do some buying.

A collector with any serious interest at all in U. S. stamps should have a Scott Specialized. Maybe he'll have to buy one every second or third year rather than yearly if the money is not available. But lacking the wherewithal for that apply for one of the better price lists of United States stamps.

This week you will need one of those photo memories and some biographical knowledge.  
1. Name the artists and the denominations on which they appear in the Famous Americans series.  
2. Of these five artists, have any of them had their work appear as the design of a postage stamp?  
And speaking of the design of postage stamps, I'll have to agree with H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis. who states that in his opinion, the regular postage series of 1902-03 is probably the best designed and engraved of any of the regulars to date.  
In fact the 8c violet black Martha Washington of that series is considered by many to be the most beautiful stamp in any of the regular postage series which this government has issued. Next time you are at an exhibition, check that series and that stamp especially—if you don't have them in your own collection, that is.  
They even look good under a

magnifying glass!

According to the list of July 1, the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., has just nineteen of the 1948 commemorations on sale there. The list is available on request and with the sending of a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the address above.

This is what they have:—(all are 3c except the Alexandria, which is 6c) Mississippi, Four Chaplains, Wisconsin, Women's Progress, Friendship, Key, Youth, Palomar, Barton, Gold Star, Ft. Kearny, Firemen, Indian, Low, Rogers, Michael, Gettysburg, Turners, Harris, Minnesota, Washington & Lee, Puerto Rico, Alexandria 6c and Annapolis.

Included are the Prexies from 1/2c to \$5.00, the 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c values of the 1947 airmail, and the 6c 1949 issue. Also to be found is the 5c airmail coil stamp and the 1947 and 1948 Duck stamps.

All the above stamps are sold at face value plus return postage and registration.

Every now and again I have a letter usually accompanied by the article in question which seeks information about it. The article is one of the ordinary stamped envelopes which in the manufacturing process received the embossing of the stamp but failed to be inked.

Known as "albinos" for obvious reasons, they are not very scarce, have no high value, and are generally considered freaks. Those collectors which have one or more keep them as "out of the ordinary" pieces in their collections.

In printing the stamp, the part which does not receive color is embossed and thereby raised above the surface of the paper. This is done when the envelope blank is fed between the male and female dies, the male die extruding the paper into the sunken portions of the female die.

The flat part of the female die has received a coating of ink, and this is what prints on the unembossed or flat part of the stamp design.

Now if two of the envelope blanks are fed accidentally into the press at the same time, both will be embossed, but only the one will receive the ink. So, an albino comes into being.

The inspectors usually try to eliminate these items, but those and other errors slip through. And when they do, and some collector gets it, a lot of them are sure they have something comparable to the 24c inverted airmail stamp of 1918.

**VANISHING AMERICAN DEPARTMENT:** Back in 1916, on Route 5 out of Smith Center, Kansas, there lived a Frank Nichols. For years Mr. Nichols refused to have his mail come by carrier even though said carrier went right by his door.  
So each Saturday, Mr. Nichols drove the eleven miles from his home to town and the post office for his mail.  
Mr. Nichols is one of the rare race of vanishing Americans of which there are too few today. He claimed a carrier system was an unnecessary expense to the government, and that it was putting

false and injurious notions into the minds of the rising generation on the farms and elsewhere.

And then there was the man in Wakita, Okla., Squire T. M. Ewing, who around 1926 got his mail in spite of the fact that he was confined to bed and had no postal route past his home.

The squire depended on a horse which for many years had pulled his carriage to and back from town.

Dobbin was told to go to the post office, where the postmaster understanding the arrangement placed the mail in a small bag for the purpose and sent the nag back home.

That's better'n television, huh?

Right smack dab in the middle of the street, especially a well traveled highway, seems to be a poor place to put a building, especially a post office but that is exactly where the Shrewsbury, N. J. mail mill (post office to you) is located.

In fact, records indicate that it is the only post office in the country so located!

This stone, ivy covered building has been there for about 25 years, and is now a second class office, with first class service being provided to the customers by postmaster Marie C. Riordan (since 1936).

The one story building nestles in the shadows of the Quaker Meeting House built in 1672, the Old Christ Episcopal Church built in 1702 and the ancient first Presbyterian Church founded in 1732. Immediately in back of the mail mill are old sycamore trees which were planted during the Revolution, one for each of the thirteen original colonies.

And why did they put it in the middle of the street?

Well, quoting postmaster Riordan, "The old post office was in a building across the way, and when it outgrew its quarters, the island in the center of Sycamore St., which is quite wide was selected. Leasing was made to the government by the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders."

Continuing, Mrs. Riordan stated, "It's really town headquarters. I know almost every one of our customers, and there are many things which make the place such a homey business. Children come in for help with their lessons, perhaps because I used to be a school teacher."

"Little girls want their hair ribbons tied, the boys want their bikes watched for a few minutes, and some of the forgetful older folks borrow carfare and phone money. On top of that, tourists generally pull up asking for information relative to the many historic spots in the vicinity."

1. Gilbert Stuart (1c), James McNeill Whistler (2c), Augustus Saint-Gaudens (3c), Daniel Chester French (5c) and Frederic Remington (10c).

2. All had their work appear on postage stamps. Stuart has several of his portraits of Washington and Jefferson; Whistler, the Mother's Day commemorative; St. Gaudens' Lincoln on the 1909 Lincoln commemorative; French's Minute Man on the Lexington 5c stamp and Remington's paintings on the 8c and the 50c Trans-Mississippi issue.

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Unlike in the song where they "Didn't Know The Gun Was Loaded," we definitely did realize that the gun . . . our Wanted To Buy Column . . . was loaded. We realized before this was started that it would mean a lot of work for us, we knew that



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there would be a lot of people who would send in lists of wants as being an easier way than reading the papers and trying to find them for themselves. We knew we would have a hard time getting the dealers to make sincere efforts to check this column for things they can offer and we have also learned that the dealers will check the column if we can keep the junk out of it, that is if we can confine it to stamps that will sell at a price that will make it worth while to look for them. Dealers can not spend time writing letters and corresponding about 10 cent stamps, it just does not pay to bother with such wants and such wants are usually not filled unless as has happened in a few instances, some kind collector noting the want has offered to donate it if the party wanting it will send a stamped and addressed envelope. Well, we do not want to list such items, but want to list material that will encourage the best dealers to help fill the wants. If we can get the

column on that basis it will be a success.

Right now we have reason to believe that used Air Mails are about as hard to get as anything else and we have noted several lists of same. Some collectors give us a good dressing down because we refuse to list certain items. Well, if we can not manage this column in the way that our experience leads us to believe is the best way, we can discontinue it. The service is gratis where serious wants are made, but we still insist that we must be the final judge.

Incidentally, the Rialto Stamp Company of Lakewood, N. J. also state that their business has been principally on filling want lists. We know that Mr. Klingenstein has a good stock, so try him on some of them before sending to us. The Elsea Company of Bowling Green, Ohio claim that they have probably the largest stock of pre-Union issues of South Africa and the pre-Commonwealth issues of Australia in the United States. They state their stock is all classified as to watermark and perf. varieties, so give them a try for any of these. Bob Schwannack, 1502 Alger Street, Saginaw, Mich. claims a strong stock in Latin America, used or mint, and used airmails.

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We hope these tips will lead those with wants in any of these lines to try some of these people before asking us to print lists.

## Something To Argue About

We note in the latest number of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club bulletin that the boys are het up over the question of whether an A.P.S. member in any locality should automatically be accepted as a member of the local branch. Seems that the main objection to this proposal on the part of G-P members is that it would automatically make females members of their stag club and they object on this ground.

For our part we would believe that in the case of any male collector joining the A.P.S. he would have to be accepted as a member of the chartered branch. Certainly if the culprit is not fit to be a member of the local branch, then he was not fit to become a member of the A.P.S. and his membership application should have been challenged when it was made. As for the Cleveland Ladies we would recommend that they form a stamp club of their own and leave the boys out entirely. That would be one way of getting even with them.

For our part we have always believed in taking the women along with us to the parties as we know that they enjoy them as much as we do and it is just a matter of raising them right when you marry them. Also we have seen several of the gentler sex who can hold their own in any penny ante game.

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- (224) Sudan Air C11 to C34 used.
- (225) Philippines U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U16, U18, U20, U23, U24, U26, U27, U29, W2, W3, used or unused.
- (226) Salvador #418★
- (227) Denmark #141 used, fine
- (228) New Zealand B3 used
- (229) Brazil coils #179a and 200r pairs or longer.
- (230) Mexico #1, 109, 120 in quantity.
- (231) U. S. 2c #634 EE print on FDC, Wash. 3/29/35 with EE marks.
- (232) Hungary J18.
- (233) Hungary PR1 to PR5.
- (234) Norway #2 on cover.
- (235) Belgium #174a mint.
- (236) Guatemala #43.
- (237) Peru 332 to 338 used.
- (238) Peru 348, 349, 351 used.
- (239) U. S., #819, 823, 826, 827, 828, 830, 831, 832 Precanceled.
- (240) U. S., H. P. O. 1946, 1948 FDC
- (241) New Caledonia 226-242 on censored covers.
- (242) Philippines C13 used.
- (243) Egypt C3 used.
- (244) Argentina C49 used.
- (245) Col. Repub. C1N, used.
- (246) Mexico C140 used.
- (247) Panama C2A used.
- (248) France C6 used.
- (249) Japan C2 used.
- (250) Costa Rica C180 used.
- (251) Argentine C55 used.
- (252) Barbados 194, Perf 13 1/2 x 13.
- (253) Cayman Isl. 58.
- (254) Egypt 173★ block.
- (255) New Guinea C1-28 used.
- (256) New Guinea C28-42 used.
- (257) Nigeria 63, 64, perf 13 x 11 1/2.
- (258) Somaliland Prot. 88.
- (259) Sudan C16 used block.

## MR. DEALER—READ THIS

We need your help in making this column successful. We are trying to eliminate the trivial wants and you can count on the listings having many hard to get items at good values, items worth looking for if you want new business. A customer served here may make you a good new customer, so help and let us see if we can not develop this column.

Right now we have a list of almost 100 different stamps of Salvador. These are nearly all Official issues which catalogue around a dollar and up. A list that the collector has tried to fill from anyone who claims to have a stock of Latin America. This is a real list from a substantial collector.

We have submitted it to two or three dealers already without finding a single item. This either indicates that the stamps are really rare or that dealers are too tired to look for them. It may indicate that Scott prices are away below the worth of the wanted items.

Anyhow, we haven't yet printed this list because we want to try to locate some of the stamps since it is so large. However, we like lists like this and will print it if we can not help this man find the stamps. If you have a collection on hand that is strong in Salvador officials, please ask to see this list and we will send it to you.

We must insist that both collectors and dealers who want this column service must abide by our rules. We accept only Govt. Postal Cards for advice to collectors. Anything else is a nuisance to paw through to pick out certain cards.

To the dealer . . . if you can supply something you must refer to it to item by the numbers in ( )

that enables us to locate the item without reading the whole column through to find it. If these points are not observed we will not give service.

Several new items are listed this week. We note that used Air Mails are on many lists. Used Air Mails must be hot and scarce. How about it George Herzog, let us have your help in filling some of these or is your stock short the scarce items?

## Auctioneers Report Successful Season

H. R. Harmer, Inc. of New York City, reports their most successful season of sales, excepting the 1945-46 Roosevelt season, with an auction turnover of \$520,581.75.

The two auctions realizing the most were complete extremes, comprising the "Prize Court" material sold in Bermuda on March 10, 11, representing 1200 lots weighing about 2 tons which brought \$10,020 (\$40,080), and the "Charnley & Whelan" St. Louis Bear sale of December 13, 1948, representing 42 lots, weighing about 2 lbs., which brought \$43,220.

The last lot of the Season, 1109 of July 13, which comprised over 15,000,000 German Inflation stamps—the largest number of stamps ever offered as one lot—brought \$2300.

Throughout the season there was a steady decline in prices of 20th Century European material, due apparently to the heavy influx from the Continent from parties in quest of dollars.

United States stamps remained steady except the 20th Century issues which eased somewhat, particularly in second quality condition.

British Empire showed continued strength, a slight reduction in price levels being caused by South African currency regulations preventing this active market continuing at the same high level at which it existed when the season commenced. There was no apparent lessening of interest within the United States for this popular group.

## Bourse Space Open For Ohio Exhibition

Dealers who are planning to apply for bourse space at the annual exhibition of the Rubber City Stamp Club are urged to do so at the present time since space will be limited.

The show will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio on December 3 and 4.

Information about the bourse is obtainable from W. E. Steffee, 2476 Manchester Rd., Akron 14, Ohio.

## Important Check List For Meter Mail Fans

Members of the Meter Stamp Society have all been sent a copy of the "History and the Listing of Type FC Meters," a compilation of information by Lt. Col. William V. Hannay of Albany, N. Y.

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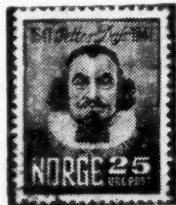
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## BEARDS BY THE YARD

A Topical Subject  
by Clarence Swanson

They say women are vain but have you ever watched a man curry his beard or mustache before a mirror? An interesting subject matter collection may be formed of stamps picturing men who are wearing various types of facial adornment. Actually, it is not correct to state that a man wears a beard for normally most men's faces are bewhiskered except for the fact that they shave off all or part of the adornment.

On postage stamps you will find various personages wearing many styles, shapes and sizes of beards depending on the style in vogue at the age in which the person lived. Yes, there was a time when style meant more to men than women! At one time or another beards have been shaped, oiled, tinted, parted, curled, or braided.



The "Spade" or "Beaver Tail" beard

The ruling monarch of a nation usually decreed the style. If he was unable to wear a beard as was Philip V of Spain most of the men were clean shaven. In another instance, a French monarch who had an ugly scar on his chin "said to have been received in a sabre duel" wore a beard to hide the disfigurement. This led many men to wear beards to hide their "scars" received in sabre duels.

Looking at stamps we find Franz Josef of Austria clean shaven on type A29 (Scott Catalog) of that country, then later in life on A36 he wears a full mustache with drooping and probably curled ends. On type A30 he is shown wearing a full beard and mustache.



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(narrow type) as worn by Archduke Francis Ferdinand and a sample of the wide variation is found on Portuguese Guinea A11.

Curacao A19 and A20 picture two versions of the goatee type of beard. If you've ever seen a "billy" you'll appreciate where this type received its name.

Samples of the parted or two prong beard make their appearance on Bulgaria A185 and Finland SP14. I wonder how long it took to develop the latter.



The "I Just Can't Seem To Do Anything With It" beard.

Then there are some beards you just can't do anything with (sound familiar?). These are the unruly types such as that of Auguste Pavie on A170 of France.

King Carol II of Roumania wears the dapper upper lip brush sometimes known as the tickler variety. You'll find him pictured on many Roumanian issues.



The "Walrus" mustache

A page of the collection may be devoted to presidents of the United States who wore facial decoration. This is one subject on which you will find many varieties and you can have a lot of fun and laughs as you form the collection. Perhaps you will recall your early efforts to sprout some hair above the upper lip.

You may be interested in the following facts. In the fourth century B. C. Alexander the Great compelled his warriors to remove their beards so the enemy would be unable to grasp them in battle.

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2. That the Esperanto Congress meeting in Brazil was marked by a stamp showing a map and a woman, the latter perhaps symbolizing the mother tongue or perhaps a silent protest in favor of the new language invented by a man. (see below).

3. That the text of the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John appears on a stamp of Czechoslovakia (A59) and the opening words of the Gospel of St. Matthew appear on stamp design A18 of Cyprus. (see below).

4. That the stamp commemorating Reverend Dom Pierre Perignon member of a French Religious Order and inventor of champagne shows a girl in the costume of the Province of Champagne. (see below).

5. That a stamp of Italy (A260) shows a tree stump with new shoots springing from it symbolical of the new Italy arising after being cut down by World War II. The same idea was shown on German stamp designs A23 and 24 after the first World War.

6. That a prayer is printed in Latin on the backs of the A50 to 53 series of Portugal so that it would be on everybody's tongue. The issue commemorates the finding of the incorrupt tongue of St. Anthony and the prayer is by St. Bonaventure dating from 1263 A.D., when the coffin of St. Anthony was transferred to Padua.

7. That a Spanish stamp (A91) of the Montserrat issue shows a statue known as the Black Virgin, said to have been carved by St. Luke, brought to Spain by St. Peter and crowned by Pope Leo XIII in 1881. The monastery is the scene of frequent pilgrimages by bridal couples.

8. That the United States stamp design A183 is one of the few if not the only stamp of any country that has poetry on it. The poem is by James Russell Lowell. (see below).

9. That the United States stamp design A197 shows an electric light honoring Thomas A. Edison yet Edison himself is not shown until stamp design A312. Edison was still living when the first was issued and hence could not be shown.

10. That our stamp illustrations A205, 212 and 214 are the only stamps thus far showing a President of ours with his hat on. (see below).

2. This is Scott No. 626, issued in 1945.

3. For Czechoslovakia, the stamps were the set issued for the millenary of the arrival in Moravia of the apostles Cyril and Methodius. The Cyprus stamp, besides the text, depicts the discovering of the remains of St. Barnabas.

4. This is stamp No. 356, issued in 1938.

8. The 5c value of the Lexington-Concord series which has one verse of the "Concord Hymn" on it.

10. Washington is the president on all three stamps. The first is the Braddock's Field issue of 1930, the other two are the 1½c and the 3c values of the Washington Bicentennial series.

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162	#330 5c Jamestown VF mint Plate blk 4	60.00
163	#338 10c Yellow Perf 12 VF-Superb mint	2.50
164	#339 13c Blue Green VF mint NH	2.75
165	#341 50c Perf 12 D. L. Wmk. VF mint copy	15.00
166	#341 50c 1909 iss. VF mint cuts on bottom	15.00
167	#342 \$1.00 1909 iss. VF mint copy	22.50
168	#342 \$1.00 Violet Brown 1909 iss. VF used copy	8.00
169	#343-344 1c-2c U. S. Automatic Vending Type II, F mint pairs	8.50
170	#343-347 1c-5c Imperf. VF mint Hor. Pairs	—
171	#345 5c Imp. VF mint Ver. Pr. NH	13.50
172	#349 2c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F-VF mint NH pr.	6.00
173	#349 2c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F mint NH line pr.	7.00
174	#350 4c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F-VF mint	8.00
175	#350 4c Coil Perf 12 Hor. VF mint Line Pair	20.00
176	#350 4c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F-VF mint Pair	16.00
177	#351 5c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F-VF mint	11.00
178	#351 5c Coil Perf 12 Hor. F-VF used Pair	16.00
179	#352-353 1c-2c Coils Perf 12 Ver. F-VF mint NH copies	6.75
180	#352 1c Coil Perf 12 Ver. VF mint NH Pr. 2 mm.	8.00
181	#352 1c Coil Perf 12 Ver. VF mint NH pr. 3mm.	7.00
182	#353 2c Coil Perf 12 Ver. F-VF used Pr. 2 mm.	7.00
183	#353 2c Coil Perf 12 Ver. F-VF mint NH pr. 2 mm.	9.00
184	#353 2c Coil Perf 12 Ver. F-VF mint NH pr. 2 mm.	9.00
185	#353 2c Coil Perf 12 Ver. F mint NH single	9.00
186	#354 4c Coil Perf 12 Ver. VF mint NH single	8.50
187	#355 5c Coil Perf 12 Ver. F used single	5.50
188	#357 1c Blue Paper F-VF mint copy	5.00
189	#359 3c Blue Paper VF mint single	70.00
190	#364 10c Blue Paper VF mint single	60.00
191	#367-368 2c Lincoln Perf & Imp. F-VF mint	3.95
192	#368 2c Lincoln Imperf. VF mint blk 3 mm.	16.00
193	#368 2c Lincoln Imperf. VF mint bottom left corner blk	20.00
194	#367-368 2c Lincoln Perf & Imp. F-VF used	3.15
195	#369 2c Lincoln Blue F-VF used copy	13.50
196	#369 2c Lincoln Blue Paper F used copy	13.50
197	#370-371 2c Alaska-Yukon Perf & Imp. F-VF mint	6.35
198	#371 2c Alaska-Yukon U. S. Automatic Vending Co. Guide Line Strip of 4	22.50
199	#370-371 2c Alaska-Yukon Perf & Imp. F-VF used	2.40
200	#371 2c Hudson-Fulton U. S. Automatic Vending Co. VF mint	7.50
201	#372-373 2c Hudson-Fulton Perf & Imp. F-VF mint	5.00
202	#373 2c Hudson-Fulton Imp. VF mint Right arrow blk	25.00
203	#373 2c Hudson-Fulton Imp. VF mint left arrow blk	25.00
204	#373 2c Hudson-Fulton Imp. VF mint bot. arrow blks	25.00
205	#372-373 2c Hudson-Fulton perf & imp. F-VF used	3.35
206	#379 6c Red Orange Perf 12 Superb mint NH	1.75+
207	#383 1c U. S. Automat. Vend. Type III VF mint	8.12
208	#383 1c U. S. Automat. Vend. Type III VF prs. 3mm	9.75
209	#383-384 1c-2c U. S. Aut. Vend. Type II, VF prs. 3mm	9.75
210	#384 2c Imperf. VF mint Hor. pr.	12.00
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217	#388-87 1c-2c Coils Perf 12 F-VF used	5.25
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229	#400A 10c Orange Perf 12 VF to Superb mint	11.00
230	#400A 10c Orange Pan-Pac Perf 12 VF mint NH	11.00
231	#400A 10c Orange Pan-Pac Perf 12 VF mint NH	11.00
232	#402 2c Pan-Pac Perf 10 F mint copy	6.50
233	#402A 2c Red Pan-Pac Perf 10 F mint NH	7.00
234	#403 5c Pan-Pac Perf 10 F mint copy	13.50
235	#404 10c Orange Perf 10 VF used	6.50
236	#404 10c Orange Perf 10 VF used	6.50
237	#407 7c Black Perf 10 VF to Superb mint NH	3.75+
238	#408-409 1c-2c U. S. Automatic Vending Type II, VF mint Guide line prs.	11.50
239	#408 1c Imp. 1912 VF mint NH set of 4 Arrow blks	5.00
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252	#433 10c Orange Yellow Perf 10 F-VF mint blk of 4	9.00
253	#433-435 10c-12c Perf 10 F mint copies 3 diff.	4.60
254	#435A 12c Copper Red F mint copy	4.00
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256	#437 15c Grey Perf 10 F mint NH	4.00
257	#440 50c Violet Perf 10 S.L. VF mint copy	45.00
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266	#460 \$1.00 Violet Black Perf 10 VF mint copy	7.00
267	#461 2c Carmine Perf 11 Superb mint NH single	7.50+
268	#461 2c Carmine Perf 11 F mint single	7.50
269	#462 4c Carmine Perf 11 F mint copy	11.00
270	#463B 5c Error JF-F blk of 12 with Double 5c Error	150.00
271	#464 3c Violet Perf 10 VF mint NH	6.00
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166	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	337	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	687	4c Taft Perf 10 Ver. Coil 25 F mint strips of 4	12.00
167	Belgium-Francisco 2 diff. VF mint souv. sheets	5.00	338	Belgium-Francisco 2 diff. VF mint souv. sheets	5.00	688	12c Blue Rotary 7 F-VF mint NH blks 4	12.25
168	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	339	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	689	12c Brown Rotary 7 F mint NH blks 4	10.50
169	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	340	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	690	12c Green Rotary 5 F-VF mint NH blks 4	8.75
170	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	341	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	691	12c Green Rotary 10 VF mint NH blks 4	12.50
171	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	342	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	692	20c Carmine Rose Rotary 10 F-VF mint NH copies	15.50
172	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	343	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	693	25c Green Rotary 26 F mint NH copies	15.00
173	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	344	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	694	2c Red Cross 25 F mint blks 4	8.75
174	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	345	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	695	2c Red Cross 100 F mint singles	8.00
175	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	346	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	696	2c Yorktown 25 F mint blks 4	12.00
176	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	347	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	697	2c Yorktown 100 F mint copies	12.00
177	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	348	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	698	2c Yorktown 25 F mint Arrow blks 4	15.00
178	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	349	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	699	4c Bic-Cent 100 F mint copies	10.00
179	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	350	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	700	4c Bic-Cent 200 F used copies	10.00
180	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	351	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	701	4c Bicent 200 F used copies	10.00
181	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	352	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	702	2c Lake Placid 100 F mint copies	8.00
182	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	353	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	703	2c Lake Placid 25 F mint blks 4	8.75
183	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	354	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	704	2c Olympics 250 F used copies	10.00
184	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	355	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	705	2c Arbor Day 25 F mint blks 4	7.50
185	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	356	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	706	2c Arbor Day 100 F mint copies	7.00
186	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	357	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	707	2c Washington Coil 85 Mint line pairs	25.50
187	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	358	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	708	2c Coil 25 F-VF mint strips 4	12.00
188	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	359	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	709	2c Penn 150 F used copies	6.00
189	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	360	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	710	2c Lehigh 100 F mint copies in blks singles	12.00
190	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	361	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	711	2c Chicago Souv 10 VF Shts of ea. cpl.	60.00
191	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	362	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	712	2c Byrd 100 F used	20.00
192	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	363	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	713	2c Kosciuszko 100 F used	10.00
193	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	364	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	714	2c Kosciuszko 25 F mint blks 4	30.00
194	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	365	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	715	2c Maryland 25 F mint blks 4	10.00
195	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	366	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	716	2c Maryland 100 F mint copies	12.00
196	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	367	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	717	2c Mothers Day Flat 25 F mint blks 4	10.00
197	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	368	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	718	2c W.C. 25 F mint blks 4	12.50
198	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	369	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	719	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
199	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	370	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	720	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
200	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	371	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	721	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
201	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	372	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	722	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
202	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	373	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	723	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
203	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	374	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	724	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
204	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	375	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	725	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
205	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	376	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	726	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
206	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	377	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	727	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
207	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	378	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	728	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
208	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	379	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	729	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
209	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	380	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	730	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
210	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	381	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	731	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
211	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	382	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	732	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
212	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	383	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	733	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
213	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	384	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	734	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
214	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	385	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	735	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
215	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	386	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	736	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
216	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	387	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	737	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
217	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	388	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	738	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
218	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	389	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	739	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
219	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	390	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	740	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
220	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	391	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	741	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
221	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	392	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	742	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
222	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	393	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	743	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
223	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	394	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	744	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
224	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	395	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	745	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
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226	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	397	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	747	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
227	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	398	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	748	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
228	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	399	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	749	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
229	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	400	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	750	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
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231	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	402	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	752	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
232	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	403	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	753	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
233	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	404	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	754	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
234	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	405	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	755	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
235	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	406	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	756	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
236	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	407	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	757	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
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239	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	410	Belgium-Brussels Ex. Iss. 3 diff. mint souv. sheets	8.50	760	2c W.C. 15 F mint blks 4	12.50
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At the end of each of the great wars in which we have participated, it seems to have been customary for its veterans to form themselves into various groups and societies, mainly to perpetuate their deeds and honor their fallen comrades.

In 1904, the United Spanish War Veterans were organized in Washington; in 1919 the American Legion was started in Paris, France; the AMVETS first got together at Kansas City in 1945 and a hundred other veteran's organizations have sprung up across the land.

But the "grand-daddy" of them all—and this may be taken straight or as a pun—is without doubt the Grand Army of the Republic, our "boys in blue," the survivors of the Union Army at the end of the Civil War.

## THE ORGANIZATION

Founding of the G. A. R. was due in a large measure to the efforts of Dr. B. F. Stephenson, surgeon, and Rev. W. J. Rutledge, chaplain of the 14th Illinois Infantry. Their first local post was established at Decatur, Ill. on April 6, 1866.

Its rules and principal purposes were pretty much as with similar organizations of today: To maintain comradeship and fraternity among the members—to perpetuate the memory of their heroes—to help needy soldiers, veterans and the crippled.

Membership was open to all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War, and to all State Militia on active duty and subject to Federal call during that time.

It was presumed to be strictly a patriotic organization; in 1869 it ruled that it should never be used for partisan work, political nomination, or to take sides in debate.

But it soon expanded to such vast membership that it naturally became a powerful factor in politics, and then it did not hesitate to nominate "favorite sons" for high political office and work toward the spending of monies for soldier's homes and early pensions for themselves. During their years of greatest strength they elected five comrades to the Presidency—Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison and McKinley, two of whom were assassinated in office.

## DEVELOPMENT AND DECLINE

From its humble beginning with establishment of the first post at Decatur in 1866 the G. A. R. continued to grow and expand by leaps and bounds until 1890, when enrollment reached its peak with a membership of 409,487—and 2238 posts spread across the country. After that year, however, the members began to die at the rate of some 10,000 each year until 1920, when the total once again fell below 100,000 for the first time in 39 years.

In this year 1949, LIFE Magazine undertook and completed a very thorough cross-country search, against all known lists, Federal and otherwise, and on May 30th published the names and pictures of the last 30 survivors of the Union Army of the Civil War—3 of whom have died since that publication.

As this article is being written the known 27 survivors are as follows:

NAME	AGE	CITY	STATE
George Carroll	110	Cincinnati	Ohio
James Hard	107	Rochester	N. Y.
M. J. Thralls	106	Nampa	Idaho
James Smith	106	Lebanon	Oregon
Joseph Cloves	105	Pontiac	Michigan
George Grizzle	104	Holdenville	Oklahoma
Douglas Story	104	Los Angeles	Calif.
Lansing Wilcox	103	Cadott	Wisconsin
John Hutchinson	103	Stroud	Oklahoma
Hiram Gale	102	Seattle	Wash.
Daniel Chingaman	102	Wauseon	Ohio
Robert Barrett	102	Princeton	Kentucky
Albert Wilson	102	Duluth	Minn.
Lewis Fabinger	102	Downers Grove	Ill.
Israel Broadward	102	Samuel	Idaho
Charles Douglass	102	New Haven	Conn.
William Magee	102	Los Angeles	Calif.
James Martin	101	Sutherland	Iowa
Charles Chappel	101	Long Beach	Calif.
John Dummer	101	Oakland	Calif.
James Lurvey	101	Goff Falls	N. Hamp.
John Branaman	101	Springfield	Missouri
Theodore Penland	100	La Jolla	Calif.
William Peter	100	Heron Lake	Minn.
Charles Bailey	100	Baldwin	Kansas
Thomas Ambrose	100	New York	N. Y.
John Mallott	???	Fayetteville	Ark.

## A PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Shortly after July 4th, I determined to find Wisconsin's only surviving Union Army soldier and

body around home knew his age was only 15. He tried again and again, and three years later went elsewhere in the State where they accepted him, then 18 years old.

He wouldn't say exactly where he enlisted, but he was accredited to Chippewa county, where recruiting was farthest behind its quota and the bounty offered was largest. He doesn't know who collected said bounty for his enlistment, except that he DID NOT.

He was mustered into the 4th Wisconsin Infantry and assigned to Company F. Later, because so many recruits had brought horses and mules, a portion of the regiment was changed to the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry, but he chose to stay with the Infantry.

It was 1864 before these new Wisconsin units were ready for action and instead of moving them to fighting front, numerous large details were formed for skirmishing and his contingent was detailed for duty in Texas, where he spent considerable time at a place called Robber's Roost.

He doesn't remember exactly just when he was mustered out, but he recalls that he joined the G. A. R. in its first year—1866.

Returning home, he became a pioneer on his own, in Wisconsin's northern woods. As I understood him, he would acquire a piece of virgin land and, clear it by his own hands, build a little shack on it from the felled lumber, sell it as farm land and then start over again with another few acres.

He was postmaster of Cadott for some ten years—he thinks it was under Teddy Roosevelt and Taft. Until his age 100, he insisted on walking four miles each day in Cadott, and his good wife tells me that even to this day, in permissible weather, he walks "down to the creek and back" daily.

He has never smoked nor touched liquor in all his century of life, and what with four wives to look after his needs and wants, maybe he has found the keystone of life. I hope so, because he is truly a grand old man.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

The G. A. R. was responsible for the institution of Decoration Day, later named Memorial Day, and first observed it as a holiday on May 30, 1869. In the North this date continues to be observed annually with ceremonies, speeches and decoration of all soldier's graves. In the South the date varies, but most generally it is April 26.

The prescribed uniform of the G. A. R. for dress and parade is dark blue, with black slouch hat bearing the gold GAR insignia, and with gold cord. Anyone who can remember back 35 years or more can still envision the endless rank and file of our "boys in blue" marching down the "avenue" on all holidays—head held high and a twinkle in each eye. And of course, no picnic or other "doins" was ever complete without them. Those were the days, yes sir!

Most of those somber uniforms are gone now—gone under ground (Continued on page 11)



He is Lansing Wilcox. I found him living in a modern little bungalow with his fourth wife, practically out in the wilderness. He was still all thrilled about his first airplane ride a month ago at age 103.

It seems "the boys" had sent for him, to attend the last (?) Division of Wisconsin G. A. R. encampment in Milwaukee, and his good wife told us he was "the life of the party" until they flew him back home.

Other military organizations had vowed some years ago to help stage the annual G. A. R. encampment as long as there was one member living—Lansing Wilcox is that member now, so they appointed him Commander of Wisconsin. No, he hardly thought he would attend the last round-up at Indianapolis this summer.

He told me that he was born in Kenosha county in southern Wisconsin on March 3, 1846. He worked pretty much with his father until the war broke out in 1861, when he tried to enlist, but every

body around home knew his age was only 15. He tried again and again, and three years later went elsewhere in the State where they accepted him, then 18 years old.

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### WHOLESALE

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### A.P.S. CONVENTION

to Boston this August. Not the least is the chance to see Boston itself. For historic Boston is unique among American cities and is said to have an old-world charm which can be paralleled only by sections of Old London.

In Boston one can see Massachusetts' stately gold-domed State House designed by Charles Bulfinch, one of the greatest and one of the earliest of American architects. A few blocks away is the Old Statehouse—now used as an historical museum—situated a stone's throw from the site of the Boston Massacre.

The list of fascinating places to visit in Boston is too long to be enumerated here. To mention only a few, there is Faneuil Hall, renowned as "The Birthplace of American Liberty" and the home of Paul Revere and the Old North Church where the lanterns were hung to signal Revere on his way on his history-making ride. Then there is Boston's colorful and picturesque waterfront with its hundreds of gay-hued fishing boats.

And of course, there's Beacon Hill with its graceful colonial mansions which are still the homes of proud old Boston families.

A delightful feature of the convention is the many trips and entertainments which have been arranged. On Tuesday, the opening day, it will be possible to take a conducted tour of Boston's most important historic landmarks. A highlight of this trip will be a visit to Charlestown Navy Yard, where one can see and actually board the Frigate Constitution.

On Thursday afternoon, for the ladies, there will be a visit to the American wing of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, which contains one of the finest collections of American period furniture in the country. The same afternoon the men will have equal pleasure attending the auction of foreign stamps in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Statler.

On Friday still more thrills! At 2 P. M. in the afternoon all can witness one of the great sporting events of the year—the National Doubles Tennis Tournament at Longwood Cricket Club. Friday evening has the climax of the convention—the Annual Banquet. Featured speakers at the banquet will be Robson Lowe, dealer and philatelist of great distinction, and Major Adrian E. Hopkins, celebrated writer and philatelic scholar.

## STAMP STORIES

New and old anecdotes about stamp collecting

A recent cartoon in one of the popular magazine's brought a laugh to collectors because it showed a Post Office patron objecting to a stamp which he had just bought because the picture was upside down.

The cartoon didn't picture an imaginary incident. Post Office records disclose that such a complaint was actually received from them. To be sure, it was some time ago.

It was on March 9, 1876 that Mr. H. T. Yaryan, Chief of the Division of Redemption of the Treasury Department in Washington was obliged to return to a Philadelphia man a mint copy of the 30c 1869 with the flags inverted, which the man had sent to Washington to be exchanged for a normal copy.

Wrote Mr. Yaryan: "I have this day returned the stamp forwarded by you for exchange, and I have to inform you that the head of the stamp division in this office advises me that it is impossible to make the desired exchange as all stamps received at the office have been immediately cancelled and then destroyed."

When we realize that the stamp to which the Philadelphian objected today has a catalog value of \$8,000, as against \$85 for what he would have been given in exchange, the gentleman would today be happy that the Department could not accommodate him, were he alive today.

Of course where the stamp is now would make a story by itself. Possibly it still exists; possibly the Philadelphian, rather than use a stamp that was not artistically perfect, may have destroyed it. We can only conjecture, and wonder.



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Baltimore, Ohio

### CORRECTION

In the July 18th issue, we mentioned that the Central Ohio Precancel Club would meet at Findlay, Ohio August 14th. The date since then has been changed and will be the 28th. Same address, 202 Sherman Drive, Findlay Ohio, August 28th.

Precancel collectors especially welcome but all stamp collectors are invited if they think they won't be too bored in a crowd of Precancel collectors.

### NOTES

We are in receipt of a Chesapeake, Ohio precancel in U-12N type. We knew that a new plate had been ordered for the office and it has arrived. This will be type two.—Other new OHIO towns reported are Gates Mills, Homeworth, West Union and Waldo are two authorized but not heard from yet.

Always like to get little printed stamp papers. Someone gets a hand press and a hat full of type and a lot of ambition. We always wanted to print one but lacked only the ambition. The last one brought to our attention was the "Precancel Approval," published by A. W. Schlechte of Edwardsville, Ill. Mighty little Precancel news but a lot of good intentions no doubt.

LINNS Philatelic Products has mailed a neatly printed catalog of their merchandise from Sidney Ohio with 1/2c Presidentials, precancelled.

One collector told me he had about a dozen values from Sidney but not till he received his catalog had he ever been able to get a 1/2c Sidney. My gripe though is that the Sidney handstamp has seen its best days and for the volume of mail used there we are in favor of a nice 100 subject electro.

Maybe the old one is around yet. There used to be a U-10 plate used at Sidney years ago. It never showed much wear even up to the time of its last usage.

## Where Oh Where Is The Slogan Die

The Gardiner Stamp Club of Gardiner, Maine is embarrassed. They promised something which they won't be able to deliver because of no fault of theirs.

For the centennial of that community, they had offered a cachet to be applied to the prepared covers of collectors. Then these covers were to have been postmarked with a slogan cancellation.

It is the slogan cancel which will be missing. Inquiries to the Post Office Department asking the whereabouts of the slogan die for which the Gardiner folks had sent a check and specifications, met with the statement that the POD had never seen it.

Since it is too late to get the matter straightened out for the official ceremonies to take place between July 31 and August 6, the covers will bear the cachet only.

## WPS Members Receive Their Annual Directories

Members of the Washington Philatelic Society of Washington, D. C. have been sent their copies of the annual directory of the Society.

Statistics show that a total of all categories of membership amount to 237, of which 87 are active and 150 non-resident.

APS Chapter affiliation and a membership in the National Federation of Stamp Clubs is held by the group.

They meet regularly, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Cosmos Club, 23 Madison Pl., N. W., Washington, D. C. Visitors are always welcome.

## Topical Check List On War Subjects

Larry Foster, associate editor of Topical News, prepared a check list of a subject matter collection which he calls, The Horrors of War.

Many of the stamps which show abuse to prisoners and civilians, as well as the persons who bring relief and help to such persons, are included.

The list was published as part of the June-July edition of the paper above which is published by Charles H. Rice, 2439 North Francisco Ave, Chicago 47, Ill.

### THE GRAND ARMY

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to enshroud the last remains of their once so-proud wearers. 'Tis but the way of eternal evolution—ashes to ashes and dust to dust.

### THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

And as we laud the boys from the North and welcome them to their last encampment, let us remember that there were an equal number of men on the Confederate side of the fence in 1861—men who fought just as fiercely and died just as bravely for what they felt was a just cause.

Rebels, the Northerners called them, and "rebels" many of them remained until their dying day, it seems. It wasn't until 1917, during World War I, that President Woodrow Wilson succeeded in selling "the boys in gray" the idea that in this crisis we must ALL STAND TOGETHER, shoulder to shoulder, under the Stars and Stripes, and show the world a UNITED FRONT—after which request they reluctantly furled their beloved Confederate banners, at least for over the Memorial Day.

Once more, in 1938, the various auxiliaries from the North and the South succeeded in getting the "old boys" from the Union and Confederate armies to join hands in celebrating the 75th anniversary of that great battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

LIFE Magazine in its survey had located 38 of these sterling sons of the South, ranging in ages from 96 to 104 years, when it went to press on May 30, 1949—but again five of them have passed on as this is written, leaving just 33 survivors.

### SUMMARY AND SALUTE

And there we have it. Out of 3,000,000 men who took up arms and went into the Civil War, 500,000 never returned. And of the 2,500,000 who did return more than 80 years ago, just the merest few, to wit: 27 "damyankees" and 33 "rebels" are with us today.

May the remainder of their allotted time on earth be spent in serenity and security, so when the final ROLL CALL comes, and the roll of muffled drums, their Souls may find Peace. Amen.

Editors Note: Mr. Brehm who lives at 1106 Nassau St., New London, Wis. has since made contacts with several of the other survivors.

## COMING AUCTIONS

Aug. 4, 5—Lambert W. Gerber, 656 E. Broad St., Tamaqua, Pa. U. S. mint, used, Possessions and British Empire

Aug. 6—James E. Mace, Tamaqua, Pa. United States, mint and used and General Foreign.

Aug. 1—White Plains Co., 225 Mamaronck Ave., White Plains, N. Y. U. S. General. Coll. by Countries. White.

Aug. 3—Rumark Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. 18th and 20th Century, single, blks, pl. blks and white.

Aug. 9—Earl P. Appelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, U. S. General Foreign and Wholesale.

Aug. 16—John Balter & Co., 111 W. 46th St., New York 19, U. S. mint, used, airm. Ducks, General and White.

Aug. 20—Zenith Stamp Co., 95 Nassau St., New York 7, United States, BNA, lots by countries.

Aug. 26—Lee Gilbert, Room 1005, Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. mint, used, pl. blks, sheets and white, Foreign.

## Rhode Islanders Look Forward To Clambake

Drooling in anticipation, members of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society can hardly wait for the club's annual clambake which will be held at the Peleg Francis Farm at Rehoboth on August 20.

Along with the eats which will first be served at 12 noon (a clam chowder luncheon) and at 5 p. m. (the big clambake) there will be lots of games, contests and prizes.

Since the "bake" is held on the last day of the APS Boston Convention, many of those attendees are expected to be there.

Details of the outing and reservations can be gotten from Colin Makepeace, 1030 Hospital Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I.

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IT DOESN'T SHOW VERY WELL IN THE PICTURE but in the back of that sack of collectors mail is a bottle of champagne all rigged up ready to be used for the christening of a new TWA Constellation plane during recent 20th anniversary ceremonies. TWA's anniversary girl, Peggy Adams of Philadelphia, arrived aboard a mail helicopter of the Los Angeles Airways. Greeting her, and helping her from the 'copter is Mildred Swartz, a TWA hostess.

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**BRITISH GUIANA.** The 24c current stamp (Scotts #234) was originally printed on paper watermarked upright. Subsequent printings were on paper watermarked sideways. The upright watermarked stamp is very scarce, and although only priced at 50c in Stanley Gibbons latest catalogue, London dealers are asking from \$10 to \$14 for a copy of this upright watermarked stamp.

**SILVER WEDDINGS.** It is reported in London that the high values of the Silver Wedding stamps have appeared with forged cancellations. No further particulars are available at this time.

**PITCAIRN & GILBERTS.** There is still no word of the release of the Silver Wedding sets for these colonies and unless something happens soon, there is the possibility of these sets reaching the market at the time that the U. P. U. Sets are released.

It is now more than a year after the event that these stamps are supposed to celebrate, and it might be best to announce that as regards these two colonies, the sets have been abandoned. This suggestion will probably not be acted upon.

**HONG KONG.** The 30c olive bistre (Scotts #161) is a scarce item. The original 1949 catalogue price of \$1.00 has been increased to \$2.50 through the monthly journal. Stanley Gibbons lists this stamp at 15 shillings which is equal to \$3.00 U. S. However retail price in London (when available) is from \$8.00 to \$12.00.

**UNION SOUTH AFRICA.** In connection with the new definite series to appear late in 1949, the South African Postmaster General has announced a competition for designs with a first prize of 75 Pounds.

There are to be 12 denominations from 1/2 pence to 10 shillings. The designs must be of a pictorial nature, with some connection to the Union.

It is also announced that each of these stamps will be inscribed in English and Afrikaans. This will eliminate the necessity of collectors buying pairs of each value. Hope that this method continues in the future.

**Truman, Donaldson Greet "Flyingest Man"**

Air mail progress during the last three decades was spotlighted in recent ceremonies at Washington, D. C., when President Truman and Postmaster General J. M. Donaldson congratulated the "flyingest man in the world"—United Air Lines' Captain E. Hamilton Lee, who retired this summer after 36 years as an airman.

In congratulating Lee, President Truman paid special tribute to his record for safe flying. Lee was accompanied on his visit to the White House by his son, Robert E. Lee, who is a captain on United's Chicago-New York route.

Postmaster General Donaldson presented a scroll of commendation to the veteran pilot at a banquet following his White House visit, and saluted "the courage and devotion to duty of the early air mail pilots." Lee joined the ranks of U. S. air mail pilots in December, 1918, just seven months after the first route was opened between New York and Washington.

"We didn't have much besides our wits to help us do the job," Lee recalls. "A magnetic compass, an altimeter and a crude sort of speed indicator made up our flight instruments. Because it wasn't exactly healthy to go on top of cloud layers, we usually flew along fairly close to the ground."

Lee made 195 trips on the Washington-New York mail run. In July, 1920, he took over a new job as flying trouble-shooter for the Post Office. He tested planes, flew parts to stranded pilots, and helped break in new trails for air mail.

The Post Office, meanwhile, began air mail service between New York-Cleveland-Chicago in 1919 as a first step in establishing the nation's original transcontinental airway. In September of the following year regular mail flights were launched between New York and San Francisco. Lee flew segments of these routes throughout the '20's.

When Boeing Air Transport, a predecessor company of United Air Lines, took over the San Francisco-Chicago portion of the transcontinental mail route in 1927, Lee switched to B. A. T. As a United captain, he continued to roll up mile after mile in the air, eventually logging 27,811 hours, or approximately 4,400,000 miles.

**August Convention For ASDA In Boston**

The National Convention and Dealers' Bourse of the American Stamp Dealers' Association is to be held on Sunday and Monday, August 14 and 15 at the Hotel Lenox in Boston, Mass.

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**TWA Celebrates Twentieth Birthday**

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The takeoff climaxed a day of events staged by the aviation industry, Los Angeles civic groups, and TWA to mark the 20th anniversary of the day Charles A. Lindbergh launched the first scheduled coast-to-coast passenger service using the airplane. As 100,000 persons cheered his take off at Grand Central Air Terminal Lindy headed his new Ford east over the route now being retraced.

TWA's anniversary girl, Miss Peggy Adams, of Philadelphia, dubbed Miss TWA-20 for the occasion, arrived at the ceremony aboard a mail helicopter of Los Angeles Airways bringing to the scene philatelists' mail to be carried aboard the old Ford and champagne for the christening.

TWA found Miss Adams after a month-long search for girls born at the same hour Lindy's plane took off twenty years ago. She is due to become a TWA air hostess.

Crews of the non-stop Constellation and the old Ford were honored at the program preceding their departure. Double crews of five persons each were assigned to take the Constellation through non-stop to New York. Captains Steve Welsh and F. G. Richardson are both 20-year airline pilots who were piloting the old Fords when the service began. Others in the crew of nine are first officers J. H. Gilmore and W. H. Hall; flight engineers A. Shealts and N. Vasilaros; and hostesses Mildred Swartz, Margaret Estrem and Omer Phipps.

**Another Roosevelt Stamp From Ecuador**

Besides the Roosevelt Official Stamps listed on page eleven of our issue of July 11, we have received another of these stamps that was not listed in the list given at that time.

The new variety is the same as the type (B) illustrated and is a 30c blue with overprint "M. G." and we are told that this is for the Ministry of State and that it has been very difficult to obtain copies of this particular stamp.

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